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Claim 23 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for providing individual operations of the vehicles in accordance with such commands, a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,

a central station, [connected to the pads,] the pads being connected to the central station.

10 first means in the central station for interrogating the pads to determine the address and the commands provided by such pads,

second means responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided by the first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from each pad for sending the address and the commands from such pad to the vehicle addressed by such pad to obtain an operation of such vehicle in accordance with such commands,

the first means in the central station being operative to interrogate any additional pad connected to the central station at the instant that such additional pad is connected to the central station, and

20 the second means being responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided [on the cyclic basis] by the first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from the pads in the plurality and from the additional pad for sending signals representing the address and the commands from each such pad to the vehicle addressed by such pad, instantaneously after the additional pad is connected to the central station, to obtain an operation of such vehicle in accordance with such commands
25 without affecting the interrogation of the pads in the plurality by the central station.

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Claim 24 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 23,

third means in the central station for providing for the sending [transmitting] at each instant by the second means of only the commands from the pads which are providing changes in addresses or commands at that instant.

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Claim 25 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 23,

the first means being operative to eliminate from interrogation by the central station any one of the pads disconnected in the plurality from the central station and to provide such elimination at the instant that the pad is disconnected from the central

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station and without affecting the interrogation of the other pads by the central station and
to provide for the addressing by any of the pads, other than the disconnected pad, of the
vehicle previously addressed by the disconnected pad.

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Claim 26 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of

vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for
providing individual operations of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,
a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any
individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the
vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such
commands,

a central station [connected to the pads], the pads being connected to the central
station,

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first means in the central station for interrogating the pads to determine the
address and the commands provided by such pads,

second means responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided by the
first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from each pad
for sending signals representing the address and the commands from such pad to the
vehicle addressed by such pad to obtain an operation of such vehicle in accordance with
such commands,

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the first means in the central station being operative to eliminate, from the interrogation, any one of the pads disconnected in the plurality from the central station
and to provide such elimination at the instant that the pad is disconnected from the central station and to provide such elimination without affecting the interrogation of the other pads by the central station and to provide for an addressing by any pad, other than the disconnected pad, of the vehicle previously addressed by the disconnected pad,

the second means being responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided by the first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from each of the pads interrogated by the central station for sending the signals representing the address and the commands from each such pad to the vehicle addressed by such pad to obtain an operation of such vehicle in accordance with such commands.

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Claim 27 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 26,
third means in the central station for [transmitting] providing for the transmission at each instant by the second means only of the commands from the pads which are providing changes in addresses or commands at that instant.

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Claim 28 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of

vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for providing individual operations of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,

5 a plurality of pads each including a first switch having [open] first and [closed] second states and operative to provide an address to any individual one of the vehicles dependent upon the number of the operations of such switch [closures] in the second state and including [a plurality of] second switches each having [open] first and [closed] second states and operative in the [closed] second state to provide a particular operation of the individual one of the vehicles,

10 a central station responsive to the [closures] operation of the first switch in each of the pads in the second state for providing an address to any individual one of the vehicles dependent upon the number of operations of such first switch [closures] in such pad in the second state and responsive to the [closures] operations of the second switches in such pad in the second state for providing signals representing operations to be performed by such individual one of the vehicles, and

15 means responsive in the central station to the [closures] operations in the second state of [individual pairs of] the second switches providing in [each] a pair of the pads contradictory commands to the individual one of the vehicles for converting such contradictory commands to signals providing specialized commands different from the

20 commands provided by the [closure] operation of the different ones of the second
switches in such pads.

Claim 29 ²⁸ ²⁷
Claim 29 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 28,
means in the central station for providing at each instant only the commands from
the pads which are providing changes in addresses or commands at that instant, and
means in the central station for sending to the vehicles in the plurality the
commands provided by the last mentioned means in the central station.

Claim 36 ³⁴
Claim 36 (amended): In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles,
a plurality of pads each operative to [identify] address any individual one of the
vehicles [addressed by such pad] and to provide a plurality of binary indications
providing commands for operating the [individual one of the] addressed vehicle[s
identified by such address],
a central station,
first means operatively coupled in the central station to the pads in the plurality
for providing packets of signals identifying for each pad the individual one of the vehicles
addressed by such pad and the commands for operating the individual one of the vehicles,
and

second means responsive in each vehicle to the same identity of the signals providing the commands in two (2) successive packets addressed to such vehicle by the first means in the central station for operating such vehicle in accordance with the pattern of the signals in such packets.

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Claim ³⁷ (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim ³⁶,
means in the central station for interrogating the pads on a cyclic basis to obtain binary indications from each of the pads, on the cyclic basis with the other pads, of the individual one of the vehicles addressed by such pad and the binary indications providing commands for operating the individual one of the vehicles addressed by such pad.

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Claim ³⁸ (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim ³⁶,
means in the central station for transmitting to the vehicles at each instant only the binary indications from [the pads] the pads which are providing changes in addresses or commands at that instant.

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Claim ³⁹: In a combination as set forth in claim ³⁸,
means in the central station for simultaneously interrogating the pads to obtain simultaneous binary indications from the pads of the individual ones of the vehicles

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addressed by such pads and the binary indications providing the commands for operating
the individual ones of the vehicles.

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Claim 45 (amended): [In a combination as set first in [Exhibit] claim 43] In
combination for use in a vehicle for moving the vehicle in accordance with commands
which are provided by a pad to control the movements of the vehicle and which are
converted by a central station to commands addressed by the central station to the vehicle
to obtain the movements of the vehicle,

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a pair of left wheels in the vehicle, the left wheels being spaced from each other in
a longitudinal direction,
a pair of right wheels in the vehicle, the right wheels having the same spacing in
the longitudinal direction as the left wheels,

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a first motor in the vehicle for moving the left wheels in the vehicle in the
longitudinal direction,
a second motor in the vehicle for moving the right wheels in the vehicle in the
longitudinal direction,
the commands addressed to the vehicle from the central station including first
signals for operating the first motor and second signals for operating the second motor,
first means in the vehicle for receiving the commands addressed to the vehicle
from the central station,

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second means responsive in the vehicle to the first and second signals received by
the vehicle from the central station for operating the first and second motors in
accordance with such signals.

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third means responsive in the vehicle to the failure of the vehicle in the powered
and active state to receive the first and second signals for a particular period of time for
maintaining the same operation of the first and second motors for such particular period
of time as the operation of the motors upon the last reception by the vehicle of the first
and second signals from the central station.

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fourth means operative at the end of the particular time period for converting the
operation of the vehicle from a powered and active state to a powered but inactive state
when the vehicle fails to receive the first and second signals during the particular time
period, and

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fourth means responsive in the vehicle to the first and second signals received by
the vehicle from the central station for operating the first and second motors in
accordance with such first and second signals only when the first means [receiver] has
received the same first and second signals from the central station a plurality of
successive times.

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Claim 46 (amended): In combination,

a plurality of [hand held] pads,

a plurality of vehicles,

each of the [handheld] pads providing first binary indications representing [a selection] an address of any individual one of the vehicles and second binary indications representing individual operations to be provided by such vehicle,

5 a central station responsive to the first and second binary indications from the different pads [on a cyclic basis] for producing for each of the pads first signals providing an individual address for the individual one of the vehicles [selected] addressed by such pad and second signals providing commands for moving such vehicle in a particular direction and for operating such vehicle,

10 means responsive in each of the vehicles to the first signals addressing such vehicle from the central station and to the second signals from the central station for such vehicle for moving such vehicle and operating such vehicle in accordance with the commands provided by the central station to such vehicle, and

15 means operative in each of the vehicles for continuing to provide a movement of such vehicle for a particular period of time in accordance with the last commands addressed to such vehicle by the central station when the vehicle fails to receive any commands addressed to such vehicle during such particular period of time, and

means in the central station for providing for the transmission to the vehicle from the central station only changes in the address or commands needed to pull from the address or commands previously provided in the pad.

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Claim 47 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 46,
means in each of the vehicles for providing for an operation of such vehicle in
[the] an inactive but powered state at the end of the particular period of time when such
vehicle fails to receive any commands addressed to such vehicle during such particular
period of time.

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Claim 48 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 46,
means responsive in each of the vehicles to the commands addressed to the
vehicle relating to movements of the vehicle at a particular speed for accelerating the
vehicle in progressive increments to the particular speed [to obtain such movements].

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Claim 49 (amended): In combination,
a plurality of [hand held] pads,
a plurality of vehicles,
each of the [handheld] pads providing first binary indications representing a
selection of any individual one of the vehicles and second binary indications representing
individual operations to be provided by such vehicle,

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a central station responsive to the first and second binary indications from the different pads [on a cyclic basis] for producing for each of the pads first signals providing an individual address for [the] any individual one of the vehicles selected by such pad, the pads being connected to the central station.

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each of the vehicles including a pair of left wheels spaced from each other in a longitudinal direction and a pair of right wheels spaced from each other in the longitudinal direction and including a first motor for moving the left wheels and a second motor for moving the right wheels,

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the commands addressed to the vehicle from the central station including second signals for operating the first motor and third signals for operating the second motor, first means in each of the vehicles for receiving the first, second and third signals addressed to such vehicle from the central station, and second means responsive in each of the vehicles to the second and third signals received by the vehicle from the central station for [normally] accelerating the first and second motors in progressive increments to the speeds commanded by the central station to such motors for movement of such vehicle in the longitudinal direction.

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Claim 50: In a combination as recited in claim 49,

third means responsive in each of the vehicles to the second and third signals received by such vehicle from the central station for movement of such vehicle in the

longitudinal direction for operating the first and second motors at the same speed, without
any progressive increments in speed, when one of the motors in such vehicle has been
previously operated at a different speed than the other motor in such vehicle, the same
speed constituting the higher of the speeds provided by the first and second motors in
such vehicle.

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Claim 51 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim [49] 50,
means operative in each of the vehicles for continuing to operate the first and
second motors for a particular period of time in accordance with the last ones of the
second and third signals received by such vehicle from the central station when such
vehicle fails to receive the second and third signals addressed to such vehicle during such
particular period of time.

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Claim 52 (amended): In combination,
a plurality of [hand held] pads,
a plurality of vehicles,
each of the [hand held] pads providing first binary indications representing a
selection of any individual one of the vehicles and second binary indications representing
individual operations to be provided by such vehicles,

a central station responsive to the first and second binary indications from the different pads [on a cyclic basis] for producing for each of the pads first signals providing an individual address for [the] any individual one of the vehicles selected by such pad and second signals providing commands for moving such vehicle in a particular direction and for operating such vehicle,

first means in each of the vehicles for receiving the first and second signals from each of the pads,

second means responsive in each of the vehicles to the second signals addressed to such vehicle for determining whether successive ones of the second signals addressed to such vehicle [on the cyclic basis] are identical, and

third means in each of the vehicles for operating such vehicle in accordance with the second signals addressed to such vehicle when the second means in such vehicle determines that the successive ones of the second signals addressed to such vehicle [on the cyclic basis] are identical.

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Claim 53 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 52,

the third means in each of the vehicles being operative to operate such vehicle in accordance with the second signals addressed to such vehicle in the second of the successive ones of the second signals addressed to such vehicle [on the cyclic basis] when

5 the second means in such vehicle determines that the successive ones of the second signals addressed to such vehicle [on the cyclic basis] are identical.

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Claim 54 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 52,
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the first and second signals for each of the vehicles being in the form of packets
each having a first particular number of the first signals and a second particular number of the second signals,

5 fourth means for determining whether at least a particular percentage of the packets addressed to each of the vehicles has the first particular number of the first signals and the second particular number of the second signals in such packets during a particular period of time, and

10 fifth means for operating each of the vehicles in accordance with the second signals in the packets addressed to such vehicle when the fourth means in such vehicle determines that at least the particular percentage of the packets addressed to such vehicle during the particular period of time has the first particular number of the first signals and the second particular number of the second signals in the packets [during the particular period of time].

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Claim 55 (amended): In combination,

a plurality of [hand held] pads,

a plurality of vehicles,

each of the [hand held] pads providing first binary indications representing [a

5 selection] an addressing of any individual one of the vehicles and second binary

indications representing individual operations to be provided by such addressed

vehicle[s],

a central station responsive to the first and second binary indications from the

different pads [on a cyclic basis] for producing for each of the pads [on the cyclic basis]

10 first signals providing an individual address for [the] any individual one of the vehicles

selected by such pad and second signals providing commands for moving such vehicle in

a particular direction and for operating such vehicle,

first means in each of the vehicles for receiving the first and second signals from
each of the pads,

15 the first and second signals for each of the vehicles being in the form of packets
each having a first particular number of the first signals and a second particular number
[member] of the second signals,

second means for determining whether at least a particular percentage of the
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packets addressed to each of the vehicles during a particular period of time has the first

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particular number of the second signals in each packet [during a particular period of time], and

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third means for operating each of the vehicles in accordance with the second signals in the packets addressed to such vehicle when the [fourth] second means in each vehicle determines that at least the particular percentage of the packets addressed to such vehicle during the particular period of time has the second particular number of the second signals in the packets [during the particular period of time].

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Claim 56 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 55,
the central station being operative to interrogate
each of the pads [on the cyclic basis] to determine the first and second binary indications
from such pad[s], and
means in the central station for sending to the vehicles at each instant only the
[second] binary indications representing changes in the addresses or commands from the
pads at that instant.

Claim 61 (amended): In combination in a vehicle for use with a central station
operative to receive, from a plurality of pads [on a cyclic basis], first binary indications
representing the address of the vehicle and second binary indications representing
operations to be performed by the vehicle and for sending first signals in accordance with

the first binary indications and second signals in accordance with the second binary indications,

first means in the vehicle for receiving the first and second signals from the central station in representation of the binary indications from each of the pads,

the first and second signals for the vehicle being in the form of packets each having a first particular number of the first signals and a second particular number of the second signals,

second means in the vehicle for determining whether at least a particular percentage of the packets addressed to the vehicle during a particular period of time has the second particular number of the second signals in such packets [during a particular period of time], and

third means in the vehicle for operating the vehicle in accordance with the second signals in the packets addressed to such vehicle when the second means in such vehicle determines that at least the particular percentage of the packets addressed to such vehicle during the particular period of time has the second particular number of the second signals in the packets [during the particular period of time].

Claim 62: In a combination as set forth in claim 61,

the vehicle including wheels and motors for rotating the wheels and including at least one member movable on the vehicle to perform selective functions,

the third means being responsive in the vehicle to the second signals for rotating the wheels in the vehicle to obtain a movement of the vehicle in accordance with such wheel rotations and for moving the member to perform the selective functions.

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Claim 92 (amended): In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles each

having an individual address and each operable when receiving the individual address,
a central station,

a plurality of pads each [manually] operable to address any individual one of the
5 vehicles and each providing commands to operate the individual one of the vehicles,

each of the pads being connected to the central station for receiving power from
the central station to provide first binary indications addressing [the] any individual one
of the vehicles and second binary indications providing commands for operating the
individual one of the vehicles,

10 first means in the central station for interrogating each of the pads, separately
from the interrogations of the other pads, to determine the first and second binary
indications from such pad,

second means in the pads for transmitting the first and second binary indications
from the pads to the central station upon the interrogation of the pads by the central
15 station,

third means in the central station for transmitting to the vehicles signals
representing the first and second binary indications determined from each of the pads,
the central station and the pads being constructed to provide for the connection of
an additional pad to the central station,
20 the first means in the central station being operative to interrogate the pads in the
plurality and the additional pad [upon] instantaneously after the connection of the
additional pad to the central station,
the second means in the pads being operative to transmit the first and second
binary indications from the pads in the plurality and the additional pad to the central
station instantaneously after [upon] the connection of the additional pad to the central
25 station, and
the third means in the central station being operative to transmit signals
representing the first and second binary indications from the pads in the plurality and the
additional pad to the vehicles in the plurality instantaneously after [upon] the connection
of the additional pad to the central station.

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Claim ⁹³ (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim ⁹²,

the first means being operative to interrogate the pads in the plurality on a cyclic
basis before the connection of the additional pad to the central station and to interrogate

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the pads in the plurality and the additional pad on the cyclic basis instantaneously after
the connection of the additional pad to the central station.

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Claim 94 (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 92,

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the first means being operative to interrogate the pads in the plurality
simultaneously before the connection of the additional pad to the central station and to
interrogate simultaneously the pads in the plurality and the additional pad
[simultaneously] instantaneously after the connection of the additional pad to the central
station.

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Claim 95 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 92,

fourth means in each of the pads for providing for an illuminated indication in
such pad of [the] any individual one of the vehicles addressed by such pad,
fifth means in the central station for providing in such pad an illumination
indicating [the] any individual one of the vehicles addressed by such pad,
the fifth means in the central station being operative to continue the illumination
of the vehicles addressed by the pads in the plurality and to provide an illumination of the
vehicle addressed by the additional pad instantaneously after [when] the additional pad is
connected to the central station.

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Claim 100 (amended): In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles,
a plurality of pads each operative to provide a first plurality of binary indications
addressing any individual one of the vehicles and to provide a second plurality of binary
indications providing commands to such individual one of the vehicles for operating such
vehicle,

5 a central station,

the pads in the plurality being connected to the central station.

first means in the central station for interrogating the pads to determine the first
and second binary indications from such pads,

10 second means in the pads for transmitting the first and second binary indications
from the pads to the central station, and

third means responsive in the central station to the identities of the first binary
indications in successive transmissions of the first and second binary indications from
each individual one of the pads to the central station for transmitting to the vehicles
15 signals representing the first and second binary indications for such pad [to the vehicles in
the plurality].

fourth means in the central station for providing a transmittal by the second means
at each instant only of the second binary indications from the pads which are providing
changes in address or commands at that instant.

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Claim 103 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 100,
the first means in the central station being operative to simultaneously interrogate
the pads to obtain simultaneously from the pads the first binary indications providing the
addresses for the individual ones of the vehicles and the second binary indications
providing the commands for operating the individual ones of the vehicles.

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Claim 107 (amended): In a combination as provided in claim 2[6]3,
the first means being operative to interrogate the pads [on a cyclic basis] in the
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and the additional pad simultaneously, the second means being responsive to the
simultaneous interrogation provided by the first means of the pads in the plurality and the
additional pad for sending the addresses and commands to the addressed vehicles to
obtain an operation of such vehicles in accordance with such commands.

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Claim 108 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of
vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for
providing individual operations of vehicles in accordance with such commands,
a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any
individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the

vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,

10 a central station [connected to the pads] the pads being connected to the central station,

15 first means in the central station for interrogating the pads [on a cyclic basis] to determine the address and the commands provided by such pads,

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15 second means responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided by the first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from [such] each pad for receiving the address and the commands from such pad and for transmitting to the vehicles signals representing the address and the commands from such pad [to the vehicles in the plurality], and

20 third means responsive in the central station to any change in the address or commands from an individual one of the pads for transmitting the address and the commands from such pad to the vehicles in the plurality on a priority basis relative to the address and commands from the other pads in the plurality.

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Claim 105 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 108 wherein the central station discontinues [the] an interrogation of any pad which is disconnected from the central station instantaneously after the pad is disconnected from the central station and wherein

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the central station provides for the addressing by any of the pads still connected to the central station of the vehicle previously addressed by the disconnected pad.

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Claim 110: In a combination as set forth in claim 108 wherein the central station transmits the address and commands from the individual one of the pads in the plurality to the vehicles in the plurality only when the central station has completed the transmission to the vehicles in the plurality of the address and commands of the pad whose address and commands the central station has been transmitting at the time that the central station receives the change in the address and the commands from the individual one of the pads in the plurality.

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Claim 111 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for providing individual operations of vehicles in accordance with such commands, a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such commands, a central station [connected to the pads,] the pads being connected to the central station,

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Conrad* first means in the central station for interrogating the pads [on a cyclic basis] to determine the address and the commands provided by such pads,

second means responsive in the central station to the interrogation provided by the first means in the central station concerning the address and the commands from such pads for receiving the address and the commands from such pads and for transmitting the address and the commands from such pads to the vehicles in the plurality, and

15 *J. Condit* third means responsive in the central station to the [coupling] connection of an individual one of the pads to the central station and to the reception by the [such] central station of the [an] address and commands from such individual one of the pads for transmitting such address and commands from such individual one of the pads on a priority basis relative to the transmission of the address and commands from the other ones of the pads.

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Claim 112 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 111 wherein
the central station is operative to transmit [for transmitting] to the vehicles at each instant only the addresses and commands from the pads which are providing changes in addresses or commands at that instant.

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Claim 113 (Amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 111 wherein
the central station transmits the address and commands from the [individual one of
the] additional pad [stations in the plurality] to the vehicles in the plurality only when the
central station has completed the transmission to the vehicles in the plurality of the
address and commands of the pad in the plurality whose address and commands the
central station has been transmitting to the vehicles at the time that the central station
receives the address and the commands from the additional pad [individual one of the
pads in the plurality].

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Claim 122 (amended): In combination for use in a system including a plurality of
vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for
providing individual operations of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,
a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any
individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the
vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such
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a central station [connected to the pads], the pads being connected to the central
station,

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first means in the central station for interrogating the pads to determine the
address and the commands provided by such pads,

second means responsive in the pads to the interrogation by the central station for transmitting the address and the commands from the pads to the central station,

third means in the central station for receiving the addresses and the commands transmitted by the pads to the central station, and

fourth means in the central station for transmitting to the vehicles in the plurality only the address and commands transmitted from each pad to the central station that are different from the immediately preceding address or commands transmitted from such pad to the central station.

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Claim 123 (amended): In a combination as set forth in the claim 122,
the first means in the central station being operative to interrogate the pads
simultaneously [on a cyclic basis] and the pads being operative to transmit the addresses
and the commands from such pads to the central station when interrogated.

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Claim 126 (amended): In combination,

a plurality of vehicles each having an individual address,

a plurality of pads each operative to provide an address for selecting any individual one of the vehicles and to provide commands to such individual one of the vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such commands.

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a central station [connected to the pads], the pads being connected to the central station,

each of the pads being operative to transmit the address and the commands from such pad to the central station for transmission by the central station to the vehicles, each individual one of the vehicles having a light for illumination when such vehicle is addressed and commanded by the central station as a result of the address and commands from an individual one of the pads,

15 first means in the central station for storing the addressing by each individual one of the pads of the individual one of the vehicles,

second means in the central station for communicating a command to the individual one of the vehicles to extinguish the light in such vehicle instantaneously after [when] the individual one of the pads providing the address and the commands to such individual one of the vehicles becomes disconnected from the central station, and

20 third means in each individual one of the vehicles for extinguishing the light in such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with the communication from the central station.

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Claim 127 (amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 126,
fourth means in the central station for eliminating the storage of the addressing by
each individual one of the pads of the individual one of the vehicles instantaneously after
[when] such individual one of the pads becomes disconnected from the central station.

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Claim 146 (amended): In combination for use with a plurality of pads each
operative to provide an address and commands and a central station for transmitting at a
particular frequency a carrier signal modulated with the addresses and commands from
the pads,

a vehicle,
means in the vehicle for receiving from the central station the carrier signals
modulated with the address individual to such vehicle,
means for powering the vehicle in accordance with the reception by such vehicle
of the modulated carrier signals individual to such vehicle,

means in the vehicle for demodulating the modulat[ing]ed carrier signals to
recover the commands individual to such vehicle,

the vehicle including wheels for moving the vehicle and including motors for
rotating the wheels,

means in the receiv[er]ing means for providing pulse width modulations for
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providing progressive increments of time for energizing the motors to accelerate the vehicle, and

means in the receiv[er]ing means for progressively energizing the motors with the necessary and/or ^{in the pulse width} pulse with modulations for the progressive increments of time to accelerate the motors.

Claim 147 (Amended): In a combination as set forth in claim 146,
the vehicle[s] being progressively energized with the pulse width modulations) for
the progressive increments of time from a zero time in the pulse width modulations to
accelerate the motors in the vehicle.

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Claim 154: In a combination as set forth in claim 108 wherein
the central station initiates an interrogation of any pad which is connected to the central station, instantaneously after the pad is connected to the central station, to determine if the pad has addressed any one of the vehicles not then being addressed by any of the other pads.

Claim 155: In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles each having an individual address and having members for moving the vehicles,
a central station,
a plurality of pads each operatively connected to the central station and each

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operative to provide addresses individual to any one of such vehicles and to provide commands for operating such vehicle,

the central station being operative to receive the addresses and commands from the pads and to transmit to the vehicles addresses and commands in packets each composed of a plurality of binary indications representing the address and the commands for an individual one of the vehicles,

means in the central station for transmitting the packets of the binary indications to the vehicles,

each of the pads including a switch actuatable a number of times to select any one of the vehicles, the particular number of times being dependent upon the particular one of the vehicles to be addressed by the pad,

memory means in the central station for remembering each of the vehicles addressed at any instant and the pad addressing the vehicle, and

means in the central station for preventing each of the pads from addressing one of the vehicles already being addressed by another one of the pads.

Claim 156 (Twice Amended): In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles each having an individual address and having members for moving the vehicles, a central station,

a plurality of pads each operatively connected to the central station and each

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operative to provide addresses individual to any one of such vehicles and to provide commands for operating such vehicle,

the central station being operative to receive the addresses and commands from the pads and to transmit to the vehicles addresses and commands in packets each composed of a plurality of binary indications representing the address and the commands for an individual one of the vehicles,

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means in the central station for transmitting the packets of the binary indications from each of the pads to the vehicles in the plurality,

each of the pads including a switch actuatable a number of times to select any one of the vehicles, the particular number of times being dependent upon the particular one of the vehicles to be addressed by the pad,

memory means in the central station for remembering each of the vehicles addressed at any instant and the pad addressing the vehicle, and

means in the central station for preventing each of the pads from addressing one of the vehicles already being addressed by another one of the pads,

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there being a plurality of light illuminable members in each pad, each of the light illuminable members being operable, when illuminated, to indicate an individual one of the vehicles,

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the preventing means in the central station being operable to prevent each pad from illuminating light illuminable members individual to vehicles being addressed by the other pads.

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Claim 157. In combination for use with a plurality of vehicles each having an individual address and having members for moving the vehicles,

a central station,

a plurality of pads coupled to the central station, each of the pads having a first member actuatable a sequential number of times to address any one of the vehicles dependent upon the number of actuations and having second members actuatable to provide for a movement of the addressed vehicle,

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means in the central station for interrogating the pads to determine the number of actuations of the first member in each of the pads and to determine the actuations of the second members in each of the pads,

means in the central station for providing for each of the pads first binary indications addressing the vehicle being selected by the pad and second binary indications relating to the movements to be provided in the vehicle,

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means in the central station for remembering each pad and the vehicle selected by the pad and for providing for the transmittal of such information to the pads, and

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means responsive in the pads to the remembered information transmitted to the pads from the central station for skipping in each pad the binary indications of vehicles already being addressed by others of the pads when the first member in the pad is actuated the sequential number of times.

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Claim 159: In combination for use in a system including a plurality of vehicles each responsive to an individual address and to a plurality of commands for providing individual operations of such vehicles in accordance with such commands,

a plurality of pads, each individual one of the pads including a plurality of switches having first and second states of operation for providing an address to select any individual one of the vehicles and for providing commands to such individual one of the vehicles for operating such individual one of the vehicles in accordance with such commands,

10 a central station, the pads being connected to the central station for interrogation simultaneously by the central station concerning the states of operation of the switches in the pads,

first means responsive in the pads to the simultaneous interrogation by the central station of the states of operation of the switches in the pads for transmitting to the central station binary indications of such states of operation, and

15 second means responsive in the central station to the binary indications of the states of operation of the switches in the pads for transmitting to the vehicles signals representing such binary indications.

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Claim 160: In a combination as set forth in claim 159,
the first means being responsive in the pads to the simultaneous interrogations by
20 the central station of the states of operation of the switches in the pads for simultaneously transmitting to the central station the binary indications of the states of operation of the switches in the pads in the plurality.

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Claim 161: In a combination as set forth in claim 159,
the second means being responsive in the central station to the simultaneous transmission to the central station of the binary indications of the states of operation of the switches in the pads in the plurality for transmitting to the vehicles in sequence the 5 signals representing such binary indications for the different pads in the plurality.